



HOW TO ACHIEVE A PAN-EUROPEAN IDENTITY

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Purpose – The main research task is to answer the questions: 1) what does European unification process means in terms of identity? and 2) will the success of the EU rest solely in economic and political interdependence or will a strong pan-European identity emerge in a fashion similar to what we see in the United States, Australia, France, New Zealand, etc? As the secondary research task this case study will try to identify already existing views and models in regard to the creation of the pan-European identity before addressing additional factors which also have to be taken into consideration

Methodology – Research methods which will lead investigation are: comparative, qualitative and quantitative ones

Findings – As a research object the study deals with relations between on the one hand the supporters of the pan-European identity, which has to take the place of the particular national ones, and on the other hand the proponents of maintaining specific national identities as the top priority within the EU. Certainly, the EU continues to expand its borders, individual national currencies are becoming unified into the common EU currency – Euro (€), and the political and economic climates are gravitating towards pan-continental unification. In our opinion, due to the very different cultural, linguistic, confessional and ethnic composition of Europe and the EU the only workable model of the creation of the pan-European identity is the “French” model of the state/citizenship framework of solidarity and group identity



Research implications – Scientific research problem of this case study to be solved was to find purposeful operative models/concepts and ways of pan-European identity. We believe that the research findings will inspire further research attempts on the topic

Practical implications – The research results of this case study can be used in the process and policy of practical implementation of the pan-European identity model/s

Originality – Combination of the “German” and “French” models of the national identity in the process and policy of the creation of the pan-European identity will not bring necessary results

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Research type: Case study